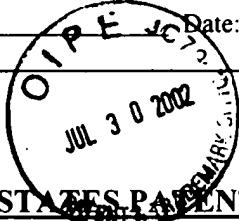


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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 25, 2002, Applicants hereby respectfully elect Group 6 (claims 20-24) with traverse.

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims two distinct and independent inventions. M.P.E.P. §803. It is respectfully submitted that once the subject matter of Claims 20-24 of Group 6, drawn to a method of inducing oxidative stress, have been searched, there is no additional search required for the rest of the groups, and certainly not for Groups 2-7 which are directed to method of treating diseases or altering physiological function.

The Examiner, in this instant office action, has in fact acknowledged that Groups 2-7 are directed to method of treating diseases or altering physiological function. Thus, in the least, a search of Groups 2-7 can be made, and these groups can be examined without serious burden on the Examiner. As a result, the Examiner is respectfully requested to at least search and examine Claims 6-26 together.